

HISTORY OF THE INDIAN MUTINY.

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The First Volume of Colonel Malleson's History of the Indian Mutiny takes up the narrative at the point where it was left at the end of Sir John Kaye's second volume. He begins with a general review of the policy of the Government of India at the outbreak of the Mutiny, and criticises the want of statesmanship displayed by the inability to recognise the gravity of the crisis, or the prudent and necessary measures to counteract it. This defective appreciation of the situation is shown to have occasioned a divergence of policy between the Government of India and Mr. W. Tayler, Commissioner of Patna, and the latter is dismissed from his post. The remarkable defence of Ará and the story of its relief are told in conjunction with Mr. W. Tayler's actions, as is also the inexplicable conduct of Mr. A. Money, to which is added a summary of subsequent events to demonstrate that Mr. W. Tayler has since been proved to have been right in all his acts and forecasts. The destruction of Kunwar Singh's stronghold by Major V. Evre, and the formation of the Naval Brigade, prepare the way for a discussion of Mr. Colvin's acts at Agrá, his disarmament of the Sepoys, the revolt at Gwáliár, the outbreak and massacre at Jhánsí, and the remarkable series of events at Indúr. The events in Rájpútáná are here introduced, and are followed by Brigadier Polwhele's defeat, the blockade of the English in Agra, and the death of Mr. Colvin. The course of mutiny and disorder is then traced in Rohilkhand, and the attempt of Khán Bahádur Khán to play the sovereign. This is followed by a general discussion of affairs in Oudh previous to and at the outbreak of the Mutiny; the hurricane of revolt which swept over the entire province, the battle of Chinhat, the attack upon and the brave defence of the Residency at Lakhnau. The operations of Sir H. Havelock and General Neill at Káhnpúr are next detailed, the two unsuccessful attempts to march to the relief of Lakhnau, the subsequent battle near Bithúr, the advance upon and relief of Lakhnau, and the death of General Neill close the volume.

The second volume deals with the siege and capture of Dehlí, the first great blow which turned the tide in favour of the English. The despatch of Colonel Greathed's column to A'grá, the battle there, and subsequent march to Káhnpúr, introducing the advance on Lakhnau by Sir Colin Campbell. The defeat of the rebels and removal of the garrison from Lakhnau is followed by the attack on Káhnpúr by Tántiá Topí, his defeat and escape. These events are followed by the march of Sir Colin Campbell to Fathgarh, and his arrangements for holding Rohilkhand in check while advancing to the final capture of Lakhnau. The fierce struggle for Lakhnau is described in detail, and the useful

work done by Jang Bahádur and his Gorkhas. Next follow the various risings and military operations in Eastern Bihár, which are succeeded by those in Western Bihár against Kunwar Singh on his reappearance in those parts. The desperate contest and relief of Azamgarh by Lord Mark Kerr saves Banáras; but Kunwar Singh cleverly leads his troops to Jagadíspúr, where he is mortally wounded in the attack under Le Grand. A series of brilliant actions constituting the settlement of Rohilkhand are next described, and those against the famous Maulaví to the time when he was shot dead by the Rájá of Powáin. The volume ends with the outbreaks in Ajmír, Mount Abú, Irinpúra, Kotá, and other parts of Rájpútáná; the courageous conduct of Lieutenant Conolly, and the prudent measures of General George Lawrence.

The last volume begins by a description of the measures by which Lord Elphinstone preserved tranquillity in Bombay while sending troops into Central India and Rájpútáná. Mr. Seton-Karr's able administration of the Maráthá country, and the admirable services of Mr. Forjett in preventing and suppressing disorder, are followed by an account of the march of Stuart's column to Máu, whence Colonel Durand proceeds to capture Dhár, Amjhera, and Mandíswar, then returning to Indúr, he causes Holkar's troops to be disarmed, and is reconciled to the Mahárájá. The troubles of Central India are next introduced, the Ságar, Lallatpúr, and Jabalpúr mutinies, and the rebellion of the Rájá of Bánpúr. The splendid campaign of the Central India Field Force under Sir Hugh Rose, including the capture of Ráthgarh, Garhákot, the Madanpúr pass, the storming of Chandairí, the defeat of Tántiá Topí, the cápture of Jhánsí, the battle of Kúnch, and the crush of the rebels at Kálpí. The bold seizure of Gwáliár by the rebels is next described, but their final defeat and the death of the famous Rání of Jhánsí brings the real contest to an end. A chapter is then devoted to a discussion of Lord Canning's proclamation to Oudh, with the extraordinary comments it called forth. This is followed by an account of the stamping out of the Mutiny and the pursuit of the small clusters of rebels which still held together as organised bodies in Rohilkhand, Oudh, and Central India. Those in the north, headed by Náná Sáhib and Firoz Sháh, are for the most part driven into Nipál to die miserably in the wastes of that deleterious region; and those to the south, under Tántiá Topí, after being chased from place to place with unremitting perseverance are scattered into fragments and finally melt away. The surrender of Mán Singh, and the capture and execution of Tántiá Topí, end the military operations of the great struggle. The measures for the general pacification of the country, the trial of the King of Dehlí, the abolition of the East India Company, and the Queen's Proclamation follow in due order; and then comes the relation of those lesser disturbances in various parts of the country before the last flickerings of rebellious disposition expired. The concluding chapter deals with the causes of the Mutiny, and it is shown that the "greased cartridges" were used as a mere pretext, the real cause being Bad Faith on the part of the English Government, and an attempt to force Western ideas on an Eastern people.

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PREFACE.

This Index gives a summary of all the occurrences which took place in any town or district, and of all the actions recorded of any person, mentioned in the "History of the Sepoy War," by Sir John Kaye, and the "History of the Indian Mutiny," by Col. G. B. Malleson. In most cases the events are necessarily classified, but without losing sight of chronological arrangement; dates being given for all actions of particular significance, or of such as, it is supposed, those who use the book might desire to know, without referring to the volumes themselves. It is hoped that the method adopted will enable this Index to be of use to anyone who wishes to ascertain the extent to which any person or place was concerned in the great Mutiny, so far as mentioned in the volumes specified. For facilitating reference, the longer articles have been provided with italic side-heads, so that particular periods of the history may be readily found; examples of this are to be seen under the articles "Dehlí," "Lakhnau," &c. The method of arrangement enables the progress of the

Mutiny to be traced with remarkable distinctness, especially under the article "Mutiny" itself. This article, read with a map of Northern India, will show the fearful rapidity with which the outbreak spread, and the districts successively involved in it. The progress of the Mutiny can, thus, be traced from day to day with clearness and brevity.

With regard to the spelling of proper names, it must be remarked that the two authors indexed followed two diametrically opposite systems; there remained, therefore, a fair field for the Indexer to follow the bent of his own inclination, while supplying abundant cross-references for the varying spellings found in the volumes themselves. It need scarcely be remarked that, in the references, the letter K. refers to Sir John Kaye's volumes, and the latter M. to those of Col. Malleson. Where no year is specified, the year of the Mutiny (1857) is to be understood.

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HISTORY OF THE SEPOY WAR.

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Sir John Kaye opens his History of the Sepoy War with a retrospect of the great military operations which gave to the Court of Directors the extreme points of their empire in the Panjab and Pegu. The grave administrative changes which unsettled the native mind are next shown, such as the "right of lapse" or denial to certain rulers of the customary right to appoint successors to their titles and dignities; the annexation of Oudh with the harsh and impolitic measures by which it was accompanied; and the general forcing of English ideas and English processes upon populations to whom they were repugnant. The origin and history of the Sepoy Army are then set forth, in the course of which is depicted the turbulent character of the troops, and the alarming frequency of the mutinies to which they had been prone from the very date of their first organisation. The shock given to British prestige by the retreat from Afghanistan, and the unwise economy in forcing reductions of pay for theoretic reasons beyond the apprehension of the Bengal Sepoys, are shown to have contributed their parts towards inclining these impetuous men to mutincus conduct. Other questions affecting the Bengal Army are passed in review by Sir John Kaye, including the question of caste, the officering of the Army, the manner of promotion, the proportion of European officers to each regiment, and the growth of public opinion, each of which, it is argued, exercised a deteriorating influence on the native troops. The general policy of Lord Dalhousie is discussed at length, and its bearing on the gradually rising tide of dissatisfaction and alarm. The incidents of Lord Canning's first year of office are detailed, including the further settlement of the Panjab under the able administration of Sir John Lawrence and Herbert Edwardes; and the incidents of the Persian War. The religious question supervenes on the former causes for discontent, and the belief insidiously spread that the English Government intended to abolish Hindu Caste and to defile the Muhammadans, some colour to which was given by active missionary efforts and indiscreet proselytising officers. The story of the Greased Cartridges is given as the pretext for active revolt, and the unfortunate delays occasioned by routine and want of resolution, which permitted the disturbances at Barhámpúr and Bárákpúr to develop to uncontrollable dimensions, and to spread over great part of Northern India. The story of Mangal Pándí and the disbandment of the 19th Regiment, followed by the Bone-dust Flour panic, general incendiary fires, the panic at Ambálá, the intrigues of Náná Sáhib, the story of the Chapátís, and disturbances in Oudh, lead to the final bursting of the storm at Mírat on March 10th, and the seizure of Dehlí.

The second volume begins with a discussion of the condition and intrigues of the Dehlí family, and of the excited rumours which floated around or were associated with their names. The particulars of the Mírat Mutiny are then given, and the painful inactivity of the English troops, which permitted Dehlí to be seized, and to become the focus of a national rebellion. The mutiny of the Dehlí regiments, the massacre of European prisoners, the attack on, and heroic explosion of the Magazine, complete the first act of the fearful drama. The organisation and despatch of military forces from Calcutta, the march upon Dehlí and seizure of the Ridge as a base for future operations, are followed by a detail of the outbreak of mutiny at Azamgarh, Jánpúr, and Banáras, and the opportune arrival of General Neill and Havelock. The siege and capitulation of Káhnpúr, followed speedily by its recapture, the flight of Náná Sáhib, and brutal massacre of women and children, complete the second great episode in the Mutiny. Sir John Kaye next explains the condition of the Panjáb, its garrison, and the able administrators there guiding affairs; also the success with which mutinies were there suppressed and disarmaments effected, enabling the province to be denuded of European troops for the purpose of reinforcing the army before Dehlí. The state of that army and its early struggles and triumphs are set forth to the time when General John Nicholson brought his moveable column to join in the siege. The last chapter deals with Sir John Lawrence's proposal to abandon Pesháwar, rather than to raise the siege of Dehlí, and the erroneous ideas associated with that proposal.

The third volume describes the critical state of affairs in Bengal, Bihár, and the North-West Provinces, leading to the organisation of Volunteer regiments in Calcutta, restrictions on the press, the disarmament of the Bárákpúr regiments, and the extraordinary panic at Calcutta. Mr. W. Tayler's administration of Bihár, his arrest of the Wahábís, and the mutiny at Dánápúr, lead the narrative to the gallant defence of Ará, its brilliant relief by Major V. Eyre, and the destruction of Kunwar Singh's stronghold at Jagadíspúr. The order to concentrate on Patna issued by Mr. W. Tayler, induces the extraordinary conduct of Mr. Money, and leads to Mr. Tayler's dismissal from office. The rapid succession of mutinies and massacres in the North-West Provinces are next detailed by Sir John Kaye, which ultimately left Mr. Colvin shut up in Agrá, blockaded if not besieged. The mutiny at Barailí and the assumption of sovereignty by Khán Bahádur Khán follow; and a description of the outbreaks at Gwáliár and at Indúr, the latter of which opens a discussion on the conduct of Colonel Durand and Mahárájá Holkar. An account of life in Agrá during the blockade, and the death of Mr. Colvin, are followed by the thrilling incidents of the Oudh mutinies and the romantic episodes attending the various escapes of the unhappy English men and women resident in that province, culminating in the heroic defence of the Residency at Lakhnau. Sir John Kave closes this volume with the actual siege and storming of Dehlí, and the capture of the town, followed by that of the King, and the execution of the Dehlí Princes by the hand of Captain Hodson.

